

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraphs after paragraph [0055]:

[0055.1] FIG. 17 is a graphics depiction of a TCP throughput analysis of an ACK suppression of one embodiment of the present invention.

[0055.1] FIG. 18 is a graphics depiction of a TCP throughput analysis in which both the partial retransmission scheme and the ACK suppression scheme are used in accordance with the present invention.

Please replace paragraph [0056] with the following amended paragraph:

[0056] Referring more specifically to the drawings, for illustrative purposes the present invention is embodied in the apparatus generally shown in FIG. 6 through FIG. 46 18. It will be appreciated that the apparatus may vary as to configuration and as to details of the parts, and that the method may vary as to the specific steps and sequence, without departing from the basic concepts as disclosed herein.